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SUBJECT: RWANDAN AMBASSADOR EXPLAINS HIS COUNTRY'S VOTE
ON UNGA/KOREAN ISSUE AND ZIONISM RESOLUTION

1. DURING CALL ON ACTING AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY,
ON NOVEMBER 18, RWANDA'S AMBASSADOR, JOSEPH NIZEYIMANA,
UNDERTOOK TO EXPLAIN RWANDA'S VOTES ON THE KOREAN ISSUE
AND THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION AT THE UNGA. NIZEYIMANA STATED
THAT THE VOTES WERE NOT INTENDED TO BE ANTI-U.S. AND WERE
NOT REFLECTIVE OF RWANDA'S TRUE FEELINGS ON THOSE ISSUES.
HE SAID THAT VOTES WERE INVOLUNTARY ACTIONS RESULTING
FROM GREAT PRESSURES EXERTED UPON HIS SMALL LANDLOCKED
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COUNTRY BY MORE POWERFUL NATIONS. NIZEYIMANA STRESSED THAT

RATHER THAN BEING ABLE TO CAST A COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT VOTE, RWANDA WAS ABLE TO PROTECT ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS ONLY BY VOTING IN A GEOGRAPHICAL BLOC WITH ITS NEIGHBORS.

2. AMBASSADOR MULCAHY RESPONDED TO NIZEYIMANA'S REMARKS WITH A DEMARCHE EMPHASIZING U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT AND SHOCK AT BEING ABANDONED BY RWANDA AND OTHER FRIENDLY AFRICAN NATIONS, ON ISSUES OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO U.S. INTERESTS. HE SAID THAT WHILE WE UNDERSTOOD THE PRESSURES WHICH CONFRONTED RWANDA, AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, THE U.S. WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN INCREASING PROCLIVITY FOR NON-ALIGNED NATIONS TO AUTOMATICALLY ADOPT

AN ANTI-U.S. AND PRO-COMMUNIST POSITION ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO U.S. INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN THE U.S. IS ADOPTING A POSITION MORE FAVORABLE TO THE INTERESTS OF THE NON-ALIGNED AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. MULCAHY CAUTIONED THE RWANDANS THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THOSE NATIONS TO UNDERSTAND THE DEPTH OF THE U.S. BITTERNESS OVER THE EVENTS AT THE UNGA. HE SAID THAT NO FORMAL DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN REGARDING U.S. RESPONSE TO THE DETERIORATING SITUATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS. THE U.S. WAS STILL REVIEWING ITS POSITION AND ITS SCOPE FOR REACTION.

3. NIZEYIMANA ASKED THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO CONVEY RWANDA'S DILEMMA TO THE SECRETARY AND OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE GOOD RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED RWANDA WOULD BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS FRIENDSHIP FOR THE U.S. IN A MORE FAVORABLE FASHION IN THE FUTURE.

4. COPIES OF MULCAHY/NIZEYIMANA MEMCON BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES. KISSINGER

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